

CONGREGATION
ADATH JESHURUN



**Welcome to Shabbat services
at Adath Jeshurun.**

Congregation Adath Jeshurun is an inclusive, egalitarian Conservative synagogue. All are welcome irrespective of gender, race, or sexual orientation. We welcome dual-faith families who want to be involved in the Jewish community.

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EREV PESAH
SHABBAT TZAV | HaGADOL
April 11, 12, 2025 • 14 Nisan 5785

TORAH	HAFTARAH
Leviticus 8:1— 8:36	Malachi 3:4–24
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TORAH READERS
Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz

HAFTARAH READER
Donna Levin

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Erev Pesah Shabbat Tzav HaGadol (April 11, 12, 2025 14 Nisan 5785)	
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
No evening service.	
Pesah, Day I (April 12, 13, 2025 15 Nisan 5785)	
Sunday Morning Service	9:30 AM
Hol HaMoed Pesah (April 14, 2025 16 Nisan 5785)	
Monday Morning Service	9:00 AM
Hol HaMoed Pesah (April 15–18, 2025 17–20 Nisan 5785)	
Tuesday Through Friday Morning Services	7:00 AM
Pesah, Day VII (April 18, 19, 2025 21 Nisan 5785)	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:15 PM
Shabbat Morning Service with Choir and Organ, followed by a luncheon with speaker Ran Shaham	9:30 AM
Minhah-Ma'ariv-Havdalah	7:25 PM

REGULAR WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Evenings (in person and via Zoom)
Sunday through Thursday: 7:00 PM

Mornings (in person and via Zoom)
Sunday: 9:00 AM; Monday and Thursday: 7:20 AM;
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 7:30 AM

YAHREZITS
April 12 to April 18, 2025
14 Nisan to 20 Nisan 5785

Richard Adelson	Herbert Gross	Isadore Protas
Daniel Aisenstein	Max Gunther	Abraham I. Raphael
Morris Alkus	Minnie Harris	Jacob E. Rosenberg
Harry Balen	Klara Heidelberg	Emil Rosenthal
Herman Barash	Louis Hoffman	Bertha Rothberg
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Sarah Block	Dr. Daniel M. Isaacman	Helen Schneeberg
Lisa Bornstein	Jules Kadane	Dorothy Schneider
Hannah E. Cohen	Esther Kalish	Abe Sherman
Harry J. Cohen	Samuel H. Kancher	Clara E. Shrager
George Corn	Allen Kaplan	Samuel Hillel Shull
Alfred L. Cowan	Dorothy Karpf	Anne Silberman
Max Mendel Cravzow	Josephine Klein	Sydney L. Sklar
Morris E. Deutsch	Claire Krassenstein	Anne Sklar
Julia Diamond	Dr. Fedor A. Kuritzkes	Edwin Starr
Esther S. Dietz	Carl Liebowitz	Mildred K. Strauss
Louis Elkins	Paul Leibovitz	Francis Stup
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Herbert Friedman	Morton Moskowitz	Nathan Ubfal
Rita Blumenthal Ginns	Dorothy P. Myers	Hannah Staub Weiss
Isaac M. Goldberg	John Netter	Samuel Wertheimer
Morris Goldstein	Sarah Paller	Herman M. Wirtschafter
Edythe Gottfried	Fanny Platowsky	August Wise
Joseph Gottfried	Bettie F. Podell	A. Simon Zemble

REMINDER: All services are now in person at AJ and available via Zoom. Please continue to register for Friday evening and Saturday morning services by going to tinyurl.com/Services-Apr25 or by using the service sign-up form link in the weekly email or on the AJ website. Your registration will help keep the building secure. Thank you!

Remember to thank the Torah and Haftarah readers!

PARASHAT TZAV

MAFTIR

Vivien and Allan Marmor

*in memory of our beloved parents,
Ruth and Lester Weiner and Claire and Maurice Marmor*

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### BIBLICAL SYMBOLS, PATRIARCHS, AND MATRIARCHS

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ALIVOT

Bruce Coopersmith

Leviticus 7:11-38 — Sh'lishi

*in memory of my beloved father,
Benjamin Coopersmith,
on the anniversary of his yahrzeit*

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#### P'SUKIM

*The Committee to Honor Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom — Leviticus 6:6  
in honor of Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom's  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and his dedication to the revision of our Seder Avodah*

*Joyann and Jason Schmoyer — Leviticus 8:36  
in honor of our first wedding anniversary*

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BIBLICAL NAMES

The Congregation's Torah

The image above highlights the donations to the Congregation's Torah that have been made in the past years, related to this week's Torah portion (Parashat Hashavua). Visit www.CongregationAJ.org for more information.

Making Donations to AJ's Funds

Please go to the AJ website (www.CongregationAJ.org) to learn about and/or donate to one of AJ's funds or to the Congregation's Torah. Alternatively, you can call the AJ office at 215.635.6611.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday Mornings: Midweek Moment of Mindfulness. Sit and engage in a mindful meditation, deep, healing breathing, or gentle movement for 30 minutes. Meet us in the Strauss Chapel immediately after minyan breakfast. Come as you are, come from home or work or from minyan. Join your friends or bring a friend for a moment of mindfulness, calm and community! No registration is needed. Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM.

Thursday, April 17: Passover Celebration at Delaware Valley Veterans Home. On Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 3:30 PM, Rav Hazzan Glantz will lead a Passover celebration at the Delaware Valley veterans Home, including elements of the Seder, Singing, and eating all while celebrating our freedom. Please join us! Contact Rav Hazzan Glantz at hglantz@gmail.com or 215.635.6611, ext. 122, if interested.

Saturday, April 19: Luncheon Speaker Ran Shaham. On Shabbat of April 19, we will mark the last day of Passover in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM in a service that includes Hallel and Yizkor with choir and organ accompaniment. The service is followed by a Passover luncheon by registration. An opportunity has just come our way which was not in previous announcements or newsletters. After lunch we will hear from Ran Shaham, an Israeli whose brother was killed in a military operation. He explains his presentation as follows: "I title the lecture as "We Were Two," which delves into my story of losing my beloved elder brother, Shani, during his military service. I was only 15 at the time of the tragic event, and will share the story of the family and Shani, details of what happened on September 3, 1985, and the complexities of coping with the new circumstances as a bereaved family. My brother, was a talented student and promising musician, who decided to serve the country in the special EOD unit of the Engineering Corps. I have worked for many years in the leading hi-tech companies in Israel and recently moved to the Main Line of Philadelphia with my wife and youngest son, who is now a junior in the Jack Barrack Hebrew Academy. I have two elder daughters who live in Israel." Please let us know you'll be attending this special luncheon by using the April Online Service Form (tinyurl.com/Services-apr25) or by calling the office at 215.635.6611.

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Tuesday, April 22: L'olam Committee's Rise Against Hunger. Join us in the Orleans Auditorium to help pack food for the food-insecure! We have space for 40 to 80 people, of any age. Rise Against Hunger (RAH) is a non-profit organization based in New York that sends food to areas of our world that are significantly impacted by hunger and malnutrition. Adath Jeshurun has raised money to host an event for packing meals that RAH will send out to 10,000 people in regions of the world where hunger is a major issue. There will be water and light snacks available to eat outside of the packing room. All ages, including preschool, and all abilities, including people using wheelchairs, are welcome. There is a variety of work to do for everyone! Feel free to bring canned goods to donate to a local Jewish pantry. Donations are welcomed. Go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/RAH-2025.html> to register. 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Friday, April 25: Kabbalat Shabbat at Rydal Park and Waters. Rav Hazzan Glantz will be leading Kabbalat Shabbat at Rydal Park and Waters at 4:00 PM.

Friday, April 25: Kabbalat Shabbat with Strings Attached. Unplug from a busy week with an acoustic Shabbat service led by Rav Hazzan Howard Glantz with familiar tunes that will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. For all ages, from babies to bobbies. Bring your friends for this relaxed, casual, and enjoyable service! Then stay for Oneg Shabbat (lite dinner bites and gathering with friends). Register using the Service Sign-up Form for April 2025. 6:15 PM.

Sunday, April 27: AJ's Annual Fundraiser ("SPEC"). This year, we'll honor beloved congregant **Robert Friedman**! You'll be entertained by featuring radio host, CNN host and contributor, columnist, and author **Michael Smerconish**. Minyan at 6:15 PM; Doors open at 6:30 PM; Program will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. A dessert reception will follow. To RSVP online, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/spec-2025.html>.

Tuesday, April 29: Jewsdays Night at the Movies: Code Name: Ayalon. We had originally scheduled Golda for this Jewsdays Night at the Movies but we have the opportunity to show Code Name: Avalon and host its producer, Laurel Fairworth and couldn't pass up the opportunity! Following the movie, we'll have a Q & A with Fairworth and snacks will be served. Code Name: Ayalon is the tale of 45 teenagers who toiled underground secretly manufacturing and smuggling the bullets used by freedom fighters on the front lines during Israel's War of Independence. The factory hidden beneath a laundry facility was surrounded by enemies and discovery meant death. The courage of these young people changed the course of history. The ammunition plant at Ayalon was built in 1947, almost under the noses of the British, who had a nearby base. The site was a place where pioneers would go for training in kibbutz life before moving on to establish cooperatives around the country. Under the code name "the Ayalon Institute," a group of pioneers from the Hatzofim Aleph Scout movement and members of the Haganah dug a large underground chamber the size of a tennis court, 13 feet underground with nearly 2-foot-thick walls and ceiling. The entire

project was completed in 22 days. To conceal the clandestine project, the Jews built housing, a dining hall, chicken coop, cow barn, workshops, a laundry, a bakery, and a vegetable garden to give the outward appearance of an ordinary kibbutz.

Thursday, May 8: Adult Ed Program with Rabbi Sharon Brous.

Acclaimed as one of the most influential rabbis in America by *Newsweek/The Daily Beast* and the *Jerusalem Post*, Rabbi Brous is a well-known author, educator, commentator, and senior and founding rabbi of IKAR, a leading-edge synagogue and Jewish community in Los Angeles. Rabbi Brous will be joining us for a conversation with Rav Shai about the themes in her recent book, *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World*. Expanded from one of her most impactful sermons, her book delves into the power of community in an era marked by loneliness, social alienation and ideological extremism, and makes the case that our deepest spiritual work is finding our way to one other — in celebration, sorrow, and solidarity. Rabbi Brous's programs are extremely popular and highly sought-after, and we're proud and excited to host her at AJ. 8:00 PM via Zoom. To register, go to <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/form/brous.html>.

Orange County Community Scholar Program (CSP). AJ, dedicated to the Jewish value of learning for its own sake (*Torah lishmah*), has a partnership with the Orange County Community Scholar Program (CSP). You can find details on the programs and the presenters, as well as register, at <https://occsp.net/csp-online-zoom-events/>. If you register and can't attend, a link will be sent after the event to a recording.

Take a look at the AJ Community Bulletin Board! We'll be letting you know about things we think may be of interest to you. You'll find non-AJ events that are happening in the Elkins Park community and beyond, thoughts from Rav Shai, content concerning Israel, etc. Check it out at <https://www.adathjeshurun.info/bulletinboard!>

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Parents and grandparents of high school and college graduates! Let us know name and alma maters by April 15 and we'll publish them in the May/June *AJ News*.

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Congregation Adath Jeshurun

Established in 1858, our congregation was one of the founding members of the United Synagogue of America. Men and women worship with equal standing in our services, honor Jewish tradition, and seek to respond to today's intellectual, spiritual, and aesthetic needs. In 2004, our congregational family grew with the addition of Oxford Circle Jewish Community Centre-Brith Israel. Our unique prayer book, *Seder Avodah*, was compiled, edited, and translated by Rabbi Max D. Klein, of blessed memory, our spiritual leader from 1910 until 1960. Like our *siddur* (prayerbook), AJ has a unique Torah reading system attributed to Rabbi Meir in the Talmud. Over the course of the week, we read the entire *parashah* from Saturday afternoon, Monday morning, Thursday morning, and Shabbat morning. For details, see the explanation beginning on page 971 of our *siddur*. *Seder Avodah* was extensively revised and reissued under the direction of Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom in 2008, as part of our 150th Anniversary year, and dedicated by Marvin N. and Mildred W. Demchick.

Conservative synagogues expect all men to wear a *kippah*/head covering during religious services. Jewish men are further requested to wear a *tallit*/prayer shawl during morning services. Women are encouraged to observe these practices. Both men and women are required to wear a head covering when ascending the *bima*, particularly when called to the Torah for an *aliyah*. We request that you enter or exit the sanctuary only when the congregation is seated.

If you must have your cell phone with you, please silence it. Smoking is not permitted in the building or on the grounds. Guests are reminded that photography is not permitted on Shabbat.

We offer an audio enhancement system. Please ask an usher for a personal headset and receiver. The systems are to be returned to the ushers prior to leaving the synagogue. Please note that a large-print *Seder Avodah* is also available from the ushers.

We at Adath Jeshurun are proud of our nationally accredited preschool. Our congregation offers a full calendar of religious, educational, and cultural events through Men's and Women's Associations, Adult Education, Social Action (AJ Acts), and L'olam (Judaism and the environment).



Contributions to Adath Jeshurun to honor B' Mitzvah celebrations, births, weddings, or in memory of loved ones are greatly accepted.

Prayer for Our Country and Our World

Rav Shai Cherry

May it be Your will *Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu*,
That the leaders and advisors stewarding our planet
Be graced with Your light and wisdom.

May the insight that every human is created in Your image
Animate our pursuit of liberty and justice for all,
And give to bigotry no sanction.

May our leaders wed justice to mercy as they contend
With emerging challenges and dire threats.

May our government's checks and balances safeguard the ideals and
Free institutions which are the pride and glory of our country.

May our leaders forsake immediate gratification to pursue long-term weal.
May they be faithful to our founders' motto: *E pluribus unum*,
To promote conditions for a common bond in true harmony.

"He has told you what it is to be good.
What the Lord demands from you:

Only this—Do justice and lovingkindness,
And walk modestly with your God."

Bless us, O Lord, with the fortitude to free the fettered, raise the fallen,
Straighten the bent, bind the wounded, and heal the afflicted.

May rivers of righteousness overflow, sprouting seeds of justice along the banks,
Until peace fills the earth as water fills the sea.

As our ancestors responded to God's call,
So will we, together, *Hineinu*.

Prayer for the State of Israel

אֲבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמַיִם, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רִאשִׁית
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתֵנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאֶבְרַת חֶסֶדְךָ וּפְרוּס עָלֶיהָ סֶכֶת שְׁלוֹמְךָ

*Avinu she-ba-shamayim, tzur Yisrael v'go-alo bareikh et m'dinat yisrael,
reishit tz'mihat g'ulateinu. Hagein aleha b'evrat hasdekha, u-f'ros aleha
sukkat sh'lomekha.*

Avinu she-ba-shamayim, stronghold and redeemer of the people Israel:
Bless the State of Israel, the beginning of our redemption. Shield it with
your love; spread over it the canopy of your peace.